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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 17, 2002, having a shortened statutory period expiring October 17, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be entered prior to examination of the above-identified application on its merits. Accompanying this paper is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a one-month extension of time, resetting the time for response to November 18, 2002. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

AMENDMENTS

The following is a clean version of the entire set of pending claims. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the attachment entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes" provides marked up versions of the claims containing the newly introduced changes.